**MY HEART IS FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS**

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
And gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness
And clothed me in His light
And wrote His law of righteousness
With power upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength
And causes fears to fly;
Whose every promise is enough
For every step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love
And crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace,
Whose every thought is love.
For every day I have on earth
Is given by the King;
So I will give my life, my all,
To love and follow Him.

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FREE CHURCH

GLENELG AND INVERINATE

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 9th February 2025

Service at 12.00 noon in Inverinate Hall

and

6.00pm in Glenelg Church of Scotland

We warmly welcome you to this service of worship and would love you to join us for tea, coffee and refreshment

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures forever.* ***Psalm 136:1-3***

**NOTICES**

* **Today’s Service:**We are delighted to have Rev Angus MacRae leading us in worship from 1 Samuel 2-3, Sermon – ‘*Honouring God when His Word is Rare’* in Inverinate. Then this evening in Glenelg, Rev James Blackwell from Esther 5:1-14, Sermon – ‘*Risk and Response’*.
* **Praise:**
Scottish Psalter 149:1-4 (page 195) – *Praise the Lord! Give him glory………*
* Hymn – *My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness* – see back page
Sing Psalms 34:8-16 (page 40) – *Come, taste and see – the Lord is good*
* Sing Psalms 99a:6-9 (page 130) – *Moses and Aaron were his priests*
* **Sunday School:** Sunday School and JaM Group will run as usual today during our 12.00 noon service. There is also a creche for the very little ones.
* **Baptism:**We are delighted to announce that William Blackwell will be baptised at the 12 noon service in Inverinate. The service will be followed by a Congregational Lunch.
* **Next Sunday 16th February:** Rev James Blackwell will lead us in worship at the 12.00 noon Service at Inverinate Hall and the 6.00pm Service in Glenelg.
* **Upcoming Events:**
* **COOL:** COOL are planning a Training Day for anyone involved in children's and youth work. We have a great group of people from SU Scotland and other youth organisations coming through to inspire those in Skye and Lochalsh and it's shaping up to be a really great day. The Training Day will be held on Saturday 29th March. More details will follow.
* **Manse painting.** Claire and the manse kids are heading off to visit their grandparents from 15th-19th February. And we would like to surprise them by decorating their rooms while they are away. Any help would be greatly appreciated (especially with wallpapering). Bacon rolls and unlimited coffee/tea will be provided. Speak to James if you're able to help out at all. Many thanks.
* **Church Prayer Meeting:** Please remember that our Church Prayer Meeting is now held every Sunday at 11.15am in Inverinate Hall before the Sunday Service. Prayer is the engine room of the church and this is a wonderful opportunity every Sunday to come together as brothers and sisters in Christ and pray together. So please do come along and join us in prayer to our Heavenly Father.
* **Online Studies:** Our Ladies Study Group are continuing their Two-Year Bible Read Through study. Our Men's Study Group will be starting a new study on 'Authority in the Christian Life', so this would be a great time to join up. If you are interested in joining either group please speak to Moira, Barbara or Colin.
* **Wednesday Bible Studies:**  Our Glenelg Study Group are meeting in Jon and Megan MacDonald's home at 7.30pm, where we will be continuing our study on the book of Job. All are warmly invited.
* **Bibles for Bairns:**The Scottish Bible Society is encouraging families and friends to register babies born in 2024 to receive a free toddler Bible. Once a child has been signed up, they’ll receive the Share a Story Bible on their 1st birthday. On their 2nd, 3rd and 4th birthdays they will be sent birthday cards and Bible activity resources to encourage the whole family to keep engaging with the toddler Bible. On their 5th birthday, they’ll be given a children’s Bible. Anyone can register a child, but you must have the permission of the parent or carer, and the child must have been born in Scotland. Go to [www.scottishbiblesociety.org/biblesforbairns](http://www.scottishbiblesociety.org/biblesforbairns)
* **Evangelical Book Shop:**Mound Book is now officially the Edinburgh branch of the Evangelical Book Shop. The branding of the shop on The Mound has been changed and it has a new joint website with their Belfast shop [http://www.evangelicalbooks.com](http://www.evangelicalbooks.com/). The new opening times for the bookshop in Edinburgh are Monday-Friday, 10am – 4pm (opening seasonally on Saturdays, from 10am – 4pm, between April and September).
* **Free Church Youth Conference, 14th – 16th March:**Rev Andy Pearson, minister of St Peter’s Free Church of Scotland, in Dundee, will speak on the topic of God’s Covenant at the upcoming youth conference. The conference, for those aged 18 to 30, will take place from Friday 14th to Sunday 16th March at Lendrick Muir. In addition to the talks, there will be times of worship, additional seminars, testimonies and other activities for attendees to enjoy. To book, go to: <https://freechurch.org/free-church-youth-conference/>

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* **Praying for One Another:** Please add the following points to your prayer diaries:

**Lochbroom and Coigach:** Pray for new elders and deacons who have been identified in the congregation. Pray for them as they are trained and ordained for service in the congregation and to the wider church. Pray for meaningful fellowship among the people and a courageous witness to the local Community, that Jesus name might would be lifted high and many would be saved.

**Osamu and Mairi, Japan:** Keswick Convention Tohoku is held from 9th Sunday night to 11th. One of the speakers is from UK, Rev. John Risbridger, former chair of Keswick ministry. Pray for God’s rich blessings on those who gather there from various parts of Tohoku region. Osamu has been actively involved as a committee member. Harp concert was a good success. 18 local people came to it. Our drop-in-cafe took off to a good start with 3 to 5 local people coming to it each time we have it. We have it 3 times a month from March. Pray that more local people feel free to drop-in to our cafe and have time of relaxation and chat.

**Merkinch:** Please pray for Mairi as she leads the women’s Bible study, pray that the women would know and worship Jesus more. Ask that the Lord would captive their hearts and bring any who do not know Him to repentance and faith. Pray for the Lord to strengthen and raise up workers for the Harvest. Give thanks for those who serve faithfully within the congregation.